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## **WALKER BUDGET ROADMAP BYPASSES WISCONSIN FAMILIES**

**MADISON** – Wisconsin State Representative Mandela Barnes (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement regarding Governor Walker's 2015 biennial budget address:

"Tonight, Governor Walker outlined a roadmap of his major values and priorities for the next two years. Unfortunately for Wisconsin families, he has our values and priorities in his rear view mirror – his roadmap bypasses Wisconsin and the job he was elected to do in our state and charts a course for his own presidential campaign.

"Wisconsin can and must do better – and in order to do so, we need a state budget that prioritizes real opportunity and security for Wisconsin communities. Instead, we're seeing more of the same trickle-down policies that rig the rules for the mega-rich and prevent our neighbors and families from getting ahead and achieving the American Dream.

"I look forward to reviewing the specifics of the budget and working with my colleagues to ensure that we are making smart investments in our communities and allowing everyday Wisconsinites to earn more for their pocketbooks and families. This means standing strong for our shared Wisconsin values and fighting for safe neighborhoods, strong public schools, healthy children and families, and a prosperous workforce."

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